

Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

REGULAR MEETING January 26, 2005

Board Members Present:

Deborah Malone, L.Ac. Chairman
Martha Grout, M.D., Secretary
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac. Professional Member
Don Nichols, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

Yong Deng, L.Ac. Professional Member
Cesar Quintana, Professional Member
Dana Price, L. Ac. Professional Member
Joan Heskett, Public Member

Attorney General Representative:

Dawn Lee, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Allen Imig, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.

II. Board Meeting Minutes - Review, Discussion, and Action

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve the December 15, 2004 regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes. Ms. Karnas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

None were reviewed

IV. Consideration of Candidates for licensure and Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Acupuncture License

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve licensure for:

Christina Martin
Christian E. Armanti
Janine D. Linzer
Claudette Ha
Christopher Vedeler
Diana Da Grosa

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Auricular Certificate

None were reviewed

**V. Consideration of Acupuncture Program - Review, Discussion and Action.
The board may go into executive session to obtain legal advice**

The Board reviewed the Community School of Traditional Chinese Healthcare, Inc. application for program approval. The Board reviewed the schools catalog and determined the school did not teach the rule requirement of 360 hours in biomedical clinical sciences and was not a three-year program.

Dr. Grout made a motion, not to approve the program because it did not meet the biomedical hour requirement and did not meet the three-year program requirement. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

VI. Candidates for licensure Previously Before the Board – Review, Discussion and Action

The Board reviewed Mayda Carrillo's application for licensure. She had completed a two-year program at Community School of Traditional Chinese Healthcare, Inc. That program was not ACAOM accredited and the Board, under agenda item V, did not approve that program because it did not meet the requirements.

Mr. Nichols made a motion, to deny approval of Ms. Carrillo's application because the program she completed was not ACAOM accredited or approved by the Board. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

VII Consideration of Acupuncture Continuing Education Program: – Review, Discussion and Action.

The Board reviewed East-West Seminars application to approve 20 ½ hours of continuing education. The seminar is scheduled for February 18th through the 20th, 2005 in Sedona, Arizona.

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve the seminar. Dr. Grout seconded the Motion.

During the discussion, Chairman Malone questioned whether the instructor, Darren Starwynn was licensed in Arizona or not, as his resume reflected he was. The Board directed staff to check regarding licensure.

The motion passed 4 – 1 with Mr. Nichols voting nay.

VIII. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

1. The Board reviewed ARS 32-3922 that defines auricular acupuncture and outlines certification and renewal before expiration. The statute is silent on reinstatement of a certificate after it expires. Assistant Attorney General Dawn Lee presented to the Board her opinion that the Board does not have the authority to reinstate an expired certificate after it expires. She recommended the Board interpret the statute that a certificate holder could renew 30 days prior to expiration but if it expired they would have to re-apply as a new applicant, to become certified again.

Staff was directed to add this information in the renewal application.

The renewal applications need to go the address of record and the certificate holder could determine what that would be.

2. The Board reviewed the current fee structure for 2005. Mr. Nichols made a motion to keep the fees at their current level. Chairman Malone seconded the motion.

During the discussion, Chairman Malone felt the fees should not be reduced and that they were not excessive. This would also insure there would be enough money in the budget to do the things the Board needs to

do. Dr. Grout agreed. Ms. Estrada disagreed and felt the fees could go down.

The motion passed 4 – 1 with Ms. Estrada voting nay.

3. Election of officers. Dr. Grout nominated Deborah Malone as chairman. Mr. Nichols nominated Dr. Grout. Dr. Grout declined the nomination. Ms. Estrada made a motion to accept Deborah Malone as Chairman. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Chairman Malone nominated Dr. Grout as Secretary. Chairman Malone made a motion to approve Dr. Grout as Secretary. Ms. Estrada seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

4. There was no legislative update at this time, but a meeting was scheduled for Friday to talk to Lloyd and Catherine.
5. The docket opening for the preceptorship rules should have been published last Friday. The proposed rulemaking should go out this week to be published in about three weeks.

IX. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reported on the revenue and expenditure report and projections are right on target.

Current active licenses are about 320 to 330. Applications are steady.

The legislative appropriations committee is meeting in February and the Acupuncture Board is on a consent agenda for approval of the FY2006 – 2007 budget appropriation.

X. Future Agenda Items

None

XI. Future Meeting Dates

February 23, 2005

- XII.** Minerva Perez addressed the Board regarding auricular certification including fees and the fact that some are unemployed some of the time.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Malone made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:17.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Imig
Executive Director